

for Brown University, which, however, he was unable to attend. For many years he was a manufacturing jeweller, but found time for scholarly pursuits and was widely read in the natural sciences. His keen interest in botany dated back at least to his twentieth year. His botanical collecting was done chiefly in Rhode Island, but extended to the White Mountains, which he visited about ten times. He made also smaller collections in northern Vermont and in Tompkins County, New York. During 1890 and 1891 Mr. Bennett was curator of the Herbarium of Brown University, and from 1891 to 1894 the curator of the Herbarium and Museum of Economic Botany at the same institution. In 1891 he received an honorary degree of Bachelor of Arts from Brown University. In 1888 he published under the auspices of the Franklin Society his "Plants of Rhode Island, being an enumeration of plants growing without cultivation in the State of Rhode Island." This publication of 128 pages, dealing both with the flowering plants and several of the groups of cryptogams, is still the most comprehensive catalogue of Rhode Island plants. Mr. Bennett's herbarium of flowering plants has long been incorporated with the Herbarium of Brown University. It is said that his cryptogams were sold to the Brooklyn Institute.—
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A NEW SUNFLOWER FOR MAINE.—On September 7th, 1903, Mr. F. M. Billings and I were botanizing along the water front of Bangor between the Maine Central Railroad and the wharves at City Point. A cluster of sunflower plants averaging 20 inches in height attracted our attention. Only one of these was in bloom and one had gone to seed, while the others showed no tendency to blossom. The flowering specimen was collected and submitted to Mr. M. L. Fernald of the Gray Herbarium for identification. He pronounces it to be *Helianthus maximiliani asperrimus* Gray, a plant not previously reported from the State. I am inclined to believe the seed was introduced with grain from the West.—O. W. KNIGHT, Bangor Maine.

THE JOSSELYN BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF MAINE will hold its tenth annual meeting and field day at Fort Kent, Aroostook County, July 6th, 1904. Extremely low rates will be granted by the Maine Central and Bangor & Aroostook Railroads. The Hotel Dickey at Fort Kent